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****Community News Bulletin****

Sen. George sponsoring mastodon education program

Who: Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Twp., and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

What: Mastodon Community Education Program

When: March 6
1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.

Where: Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Briefing: George, along with museum officials from Kalamazoo and the University of Michigan, will be teaching students the history of the mastodon in Michigan and why it was designated as our official state fossil. Students also will learn the mastodon's way of life, diet, importance to Michigan and why they became extinct.

Mastodons were large furry mammals that became extinct about 10,000 years ago when the last Ice Age ended. More than 250 mastodon fossils have been found throughout Michigan.

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